UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION **TRANSMITTAL** 

5576 413471/020 Attorney Docket No. Stan A. Brown First Inventor

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2. X Applicant claims See 37 CFR 1.2	small entity status. 7.	Computer Program (Appendix)  8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission			
3. X Specification [Total Pages 41]		(if applicable, all necessary)  a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)			
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<ul> <li>Brief Summary of the Invention</li> <li>Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)</li> </ul>		ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS			
- Detailed Description		9. X Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))			
<ul><li>Claim(s)</li><li>Abstract of the</li></ul>	e Disclosure	37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of			
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named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).		16. Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122			
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES Fee from	141 1,240 241 620 Petition to revive - unintentional	
Extra Claims below Fee Paid	142 1,240 242 620 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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102 80 202 40 Independent claims in excess of 3	146 710 246 355 Filing a submission after final rejection	
104 270 204 135 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	(37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
109 80 209 40 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent	149 710 249 355 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
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MILK FLOW METER FOR A MILKING SYSTEM HAVING A SUBSTANTIALLY STABLE VACUUM

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- (3) Patent Application comprising Specification Pages 1 through 41 and Claims 1 through 57 and DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION and ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE;
- (3) Nine (9) Sheets of Formal Drawing in A-4 Format;
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